MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Eleven times by the Muslims of South Vazhakulam and once by the Muslims of Edappalli. The Muslims of Alwaye have not made any representation.

(*b*) The matter is receiving attention.

Village Panchayat and Bench Magistrates' Courts at Padmanabhapuram.

115. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether, among the Judges and Magistrates of the Village Panchayat and Bench Magistrates' Courts at Padmanabhapuram, there are Municipal Councillors of that locality?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know the number of Municipal Councillors who are among the Judges and Magistrates of the Village Panchayat Court at Padmanabhapuram?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Three.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether such a practice is good?

PRESIDENT: Good or bad is a matter of opinion. Government would not have done it, if they had not thought it to be good.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether they have revised such a procedure?

PRESIDENT: That means whether a different procedure exists now?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether, in cases in which Municipalities are involved as parties, the judges who are also Municipal Councillors sit in Judgment over such cases?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not necessarily. There are other judges.

Cremation Grounds for members of the depressed classes.

116. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received applications from members of the depressed classes for granting them cremation grounds, free of cost;

(*b*) if so, the total number of such applications received by them during the years 1110 and 1111; and

(*c*) the number of cremation grounds sanctioned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 5 in 1110 and 3 in 1111.

(*c*) Nil.

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